



5 Warning devices at the crossing include standard Crossbuck signs. Petitioner seeks to upgrade the warning devices through the installation of shoulder-mounted flashing light signals with gates. In addition to signals facing the north and south Butterfield Road approaches to the crossing, the plans filed with the petition indicate that a pair of flashing light signals will be mounted on the signal mast in the southeast quadrant of the crossing to warn motorists turning left into the crossing from Hartford Road. The upgrades are being proposed in the interest of improving safety for highway users.

6 Commission Staff investigated the petition and recommended that it be granted, subject to specified conditions.

7 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on February 15, 2002. The Commissioners have reviewed the petition and have been advised in the matter. They believe that granting the petition, subject to the conditions set forth below, is in the public interest, and direct the Secretary to issue the Order.

### ORDER

8 THE COMMISSION GRANTS the petition of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company to upgrade warning devices at a highway-rail grade crossing, designated as WUTC 2AL 2.50 and located at the intersection of Butterfield Road and the petitioner's tracks in Yakima County, Washington, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The upgrades must conform to the plans filed in this proceeding.
- (2) Traffic control devices must comply will applicable standards specified in the U.S. Department of Transportation *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.
- (3) Traffic control devices and instrument housing must be installed in such a manner as to provide required clearances for both rail and vehicular traffic.
- (4) Upon completion of the installations authorized herein, petitioner must notify the Commission. Acceptance of the installations is subject to a compliance inspection by Commission Staff, verifying that the changes are in full compliance with law, regulation, and the conditions specified herein.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 15<sup>th</sup> of February, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary